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1. GOTHENBURG'S LIBERAL GOTEBORGS-POSTEN, JANUARY 22: "THE FIRST YEAR IN THE WHITE HOUSE HAS THUS, IF TAKEN AS A WHOLE, BEEN A DISAPPOINTMENT FOR JIMMY CARTER, SOMETHING WHICH HAS STRENGTHENED HIS OLD TENDENCY TO MAKE UNCLEAR AND OFTEN CONTRADICTIONARY STATEMENTS. BUT ONE YEAR OF FOUR NEED NOT GIVE EVEN A PART OF THE WHOLE TRUTH. JIMMY CARTER'S WORKING CAPACITY, TOUGH PERSISTENCY AND HIS INDISPUTABLE INTELLECTUAL CAPACITY WILL WITHOUT DOUBT ASSERT ITSELF ALL THE MORE STRONGLY WHEN THE EXPERIENCE OF HIS APPRENTICESHIP HAS TAKEN EFFECT. WITH THIS SITUATION PERHAPS HE WILL FULLY REALIZE THAT A PRESIDENT'S POWER IS DEPENDENT ON THE ABILITY TO GET THE CONGRESS TO WORK WITH AND NOT AGAINST HIM."

2. SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC UNION-OWNED AFTONBLADET, JANUARY 21: "IN BACK OF THE FLOWERY RHETORIC THAT THE US IS 'A GREAT COUNTRY, A STRONG COUNTRY, A VITAL AND DYNAMIC COUNTRY' CARTER'S SPEECH WAS MORE A CATALOG OF WHAT HAS NOT BEEN DONE AND  
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ABOUT HIS OWN ADMINISTRATION'S FAILURE DURING THE FIRST YEAR TO TAKE THOSE FIRST STEPS WHICH WOULD GIVE NEW IMPULSES TO THE AMERICAN SOCIETY.... IN BACK OF THE LIBERAL CARTER FACADE ARE FOUND... NO THOUGHTS ABOUT SUCH RADICAL MEASURES. THE LAISSEZ FAIRE ECONOMY WITH THE POWERFUL FINANCE INTERESTS WHICH DOMINATE UNIONS CONTINUE TO RULE SOCIETY'S DEVELOPMENT IN THE U.S. AND CARTER IS NOT A PRESIDENT WHO THINKS ABOUT

CHANGING THAT CONDITION."

3. MALMO'S INDEPENDENT LIBERAL SYDSVENSKA DAGBLADET, JANUARY 21:  
CARTER'S POSITION AFTER ONLY ONE YEAR AS PRESIDENT IS REMARKABLY  
WEAK IN THE US. HE LACKS OBVIOUS SUCCESS TO POINT TO. THE THEME  
HE APPROPRIATED DURING HIS SUCCESSFUL ELECTION CAMPAIGN, MORALITY  
AND A 'FOLKSY' INFLUENCE, HAVE SHOWN THEMSELVES TO BE DIFFICULT  
TO MAKE REALITY IN THE RESIDENCE OF POWER."  
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